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Members of DoE:

I am writing to give my voice to saving the Hanford Reach. I urge strong protection of this national treasure that is the free-flowing Columbia River and the desert steppe lands of the Hanford Reach.

I support DoE's preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement and land use plan, but I want more and better protection of all natural and sensitive lands within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Therefore, DoE should include within the national wildlife refuge all of the public lands on the Wahluke Slope; the Hanford Reach, especially its islands; the McGee Ranch; and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

DoE should proceed immediately with a separate Record of Decision in order to establich the national wildlife refuge, and protect these special places and natural values in the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Sincerely,

J.A. Schierbaum - Leely

c: Sen. Patty Murray





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